



## Roosevelt Hotel Opens Vander Bar



The Roosevelt Hotel

Banking on the success of its popular **Mad46** rooftop bar (set to reopen for the season this week), Manhattan's grand Roosevelt Hotel has recently unveiled **Vander Bar**. Taking its name from the Lilliputian avenue that runs parallel to Grand Central Terminal—along the Roosevelt's backside—Vander Bar makes a serious play for the mid-town clientele who frequent both of these New York City institutions. Whereas **Mad46** is meant to compete with stylish downtown al fresco drinking options like those found at the **Hudson** or **Thompson** hotels, Vander Bar aims more for the local happy hour crowd, where Hermès ties become loosened before the Metro-North train ride back to Westchester. Offering a fully stocked bar, along with beers on-tap, the property's small-plates menu of contemporary favorites, such as burger sliders, lobster rolls, and mac and cheese, should provide ample ways to spoil dinner. Of course these days a bar is only as good as its signature drinks, and Vander Bar gives a knowing wink to the neighborhood with a **Belvedere** black raspberry vodka and lime juice concoction, known as "The BlackBerry."